March 14, 2004

3rd Sunday of Lent

Mon., March 15, 2004
2 Kgs5:1-15ab, Lk 4:24-30
Mass – No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
7:00 pm – Lay Ministry Formation meets

Tues., March 16, 2004
Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
Mass -No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00pm
7:00– 8:30 pm – Boy Scouts meet

Wed., March 17, 2004
Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19
Mass – 5:45 p.m.
Office Hours – Closed
9:00 – 12:00 - Food Pantry
6:00 pm – Youth Meal
7:00 pm – Youth Formation Classes

Thurs., March 18, 2004
Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23
Mass -7:00 a.m.
Office Hours - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
6:30 – 8:00 pm – Girl Scouts meet

Fri., March 19, 2004
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
6:15 pm - Soup Supper
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sat., March 20, 2004
Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14 (Daily Reading)
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
9:00 - 12:00 noon - Food Pantry
4:00 - 4:30 - Reconciliation
Mass - 5:00 p.m.
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Folk Group
Euch. Min.: Body: Beth- Ann Ferley
Blood: Nancy Sass, Eileen & Charlie Desmond, Carol Thelen
Lector: Diane Clarke & Greg Sass
Servers: Alex Vargo, Ryan Henrickson, Jessica Ferley
Usher: Charlie Cresalia & Kevin Conway
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Bread Baker: Mary Blauvelt (all 3 Masses)
Sacristan: Patty & Charlie Cresalia

Sun., March 21, 2004
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Regina's Minstrels
Euch. Min.: Body: Mary Antonsen
Blood: Bruce & Mary Johnson, Jean Schubauer, Dean Antonsen
Lector: Tyler Schubauer & Pat Suiter
Servers:
Usher: Duane Schubauer & Don Everson
Gift Bearers: **Please Volunteer**
Sacristan: Bruce & Mary Johnson
9:00 am - Coffee/Donuts

9:15 am – Youth Formation Class

Mass - 10:30 a.m.
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Family Choir
Euch. Min.: Body: Kathy Van Asma
Blood: Joan Prybl, Ken Van Asma, Barb Scherr, Pat Schubauer
Lector: Jim Scherr & Joni Osnes
Servers: Whitney Werdel, Gina & Megan Czmowski
Usher: Dorothy Tinnell & John Schweigerdt
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Sacristan: Ken & Kathy Van Asma
3:00 – 4:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
Followed by Evening Prayer
7:00-Confirmation

Intentions:

Mon., March 15 - 5:45 pm - For regained health of Mike Polke
Tues., March 16 - 7:00am - For regained health of Mrs. Geaghan
Wed., March 17 - 5:45 pm - For healing of sexually Abused
Thurs., March 18 - 7:00am - Repose of Phyllis & Thomas Harris

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lord calls us to be merciful as our God is merciful. The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. (Luke 6:27-38)

Sundays During Lent:
3:00 – 4:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration followed by Evening Prayer

SPARKS FROM MARK:

Last week I visited with my mother after she has seen the movie "The Passion of the Christ" and she replied, that it had affirmed her faith in every thing she has been taught and has come to believe about Christ and the Church. I was struck my mother's answer because it was very similar to mine own experience of seeing the movie. She said I know the story!

I am again thankful for the way that my Mother JoAnn and my Father Frank raised me to know and to belief in the story of the Christ. The celebration of the Mass, the Eucharist, and the Liturgy was always a must for the McCormick's household on Sunday's mornings, usually followed by a big Sunday meal in early afternoon with roast beef and all the trimmings. Sunday was truly the Lord's Day.

I remember during the season of Lent how important daily Mass was for us and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, again reinforcing the importance of knowing and learning the story of the Christ. The story of the Christ is really summed up in what we call the Paschal Mystery, the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we encounter the fullness of the paschal mystery in our lives.

As I thought about this, I thought about Holy week, beginning with Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Easter Vigil. These days for us help to understand more fully the story of the Christ with in our midst. These days help us to affirm our faith once again in the faith that we have been taught and have come to know and to believe about Christ and the Church.

I want to put a plug in now for Holy week, mark your calendars, blot out the time, and schedule a date with Christ and the story of his passion. It seems to me if we only make it to part of Holy week and the totality of it, we get a glimpse of just part of the story. Like the young person from Wednesday Youth Formation said to me after seeing the movie "The Passion", "If I didn't know the story, I would be lost, I would not get the meaning, it would be weird and wouldn't' make sense."

Holy week offers us the opportunity once again, to be touched by the whole story, simply not bits and pieces of it. It is hard to celebrate Palm Sunday and then miss Holy Thursday, or to celebrate Good Friday, first without experiencing of having our feet washed and called to that of servant of all.

Mark your calendars now.

(Please see insert of Holy Week Schedule)

ARE YOU IN CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES OR ARE YOUR FINANCES CONTROLLING YOU?

We are considering offering the Crown group study beginning in Lent this year. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Mark at 787-5168.

The cost for this study is $55.00 per couple or $45.00 per individual which is the cost of the materials. The study is very practical. Each time you learn a principle, you will apply what you have learned. For example, you will complete a debt repayment schedule and start a budget. Those participating in the adult study receive a Study Manual, the Practical Application Workbook and a copy of "Your Money Counts". Groups are kept small to assure time for sharing and accountability. Classes meet once a week for two hours each session.

If you are interested in learning sound principles that will help you in your relationship with Jesus Christ, please consider this study. **We need the interest of 10 people or more in order to do this study, so far we have two signed up.**

Reconciliation Services for Lent
Tuesday, March 16, 7:00pm, Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, March 18, 7:00pm, St. Therese
Tuesday, March 23, 7:00pm, Cathedral

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*
Rose Ann Cartney - improved health
Trish Kostel - improved health
Justin Judy- improved health
Joshua Weaver - improved health
Elaine O'Donnell - for healing
Judi James - for healing
Matthew Bearden - improved health
Eric Denekamp - improved health

Local Events

Piedmont American Legion Post 311
Will be serving Corned Beef & Cabbage St. Patrick's Day for $5.

Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast
March 21, 9:00am - 12:00pm. Proceeds go for each scout's summer camp account. This will be the last one for the year. Thank you for your support!!

Parish Activities

Baptism Prep: 1st Sunday of each Month. Call 787-5168 to make an appointment.
Stewardship Committee: Meets 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.
Liturgy Committee: Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.
Pastoral Council: Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.
Men's Club: Meets every Saturday from 8-9:30 am.

Please Pray for our youth at their retreat this weekend at Storm Mountain!

STEWARDSHIP
February 21 - 22, 2004
General Collections

*Loose-	$601.61
*Envelopes-	$1,597
Votive -	$3.25
*Student -	$13.00
Adopt a Seminarian	$50.00
Other	$110.00
	$2,384.86

* Amounts figured into the contribution income for the chart below.

2004-2005 Actual and Budgeted Income

Last weekend	Weekly Budgeted
$2216.61	$4,100.00
Year to date actual	**Year to date budgeted**
$141,104.29	$153,700.00

The 3rd Annual OLBH Basket Auction & Dinner will be held on Sat. May 9 at 6pm. *Be thinking about what kind of theme basket you might donate to the auction!*

Mothers wanted who are willing to lead Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3:00. Help will be provided on how to lead stations. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church.

Anyone who would like to donate money for Easter flowers, please leave a donation at the office. If you would like to donate flowers, we would like them at the church no sooner than Holy Saturday morning but before 2:00 in the afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

"The Passion" Movie Discussion
Please join us for a discussion of "The Passion" Friday evening April 2, following Stations of The Cross and Palm Sunday April 4, after 8am Mass.

1st Communion Parents
Dates to remember:

Sun., Mar. 14 - 1:30pm
1st Communion student & parent meeting

Thurs., April. 22 7:00pm
Reconciliation Service

Youth Formation Happenings:

Check out the website at http://olbh.org. Click on Newsletter What's Up.

Diocesan News:

Marriage Encounter Weekend
These weekends are a time for married couples to examine their lives together. You will learn effective ways to dialogue, and have opportunities to share feelings, fears, hopes and joys. The next scheduled weekend is March 26-28 in Hill City, SD. We would encourage all couples interested in attending to register early. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 19, 2004. For information, contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret, 605-362-9145 or to register contact Noel & Mary Lais, 605-334-0485 or www.wwme.org

The Support group for Separated and Divorced is for all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. It will be held on Thursday evenings March 18-May 20, 2004 at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. Sessions begin at 7:00pm and run for 9 weeks. Fee $140 Pre-registration is requested. For information or to register please call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

The American Bishop's Overseas Aid Collection will be taken up in the parishes and missions of the diocese, the weekend of March 13-14. The American Bishops' Overseas Appeal - established 60 years ago as the Bishops' Welfare Emergency Relief Fund-supports agencies that build the international social ministry of the Catholic Church.

"Lift up Your Heart"
In response to requests for Sister Kris Harpenau to return to Rapid City, she will come and direct our Spring Retreat, "Lift up Your Heart," a Retreat based upon everybody's contemplative spiritual journey. The workshop will be held in the St. Martin Community Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m., March 19, 2004, and will end Sunday morning, March 21. Offering is $60.00, or $100.00 for two people. Overnight accommodations are available for an additional fee. Registration is necessary. (Sister Marmion Howe, 343-2688, or srmarmion@aol.com

Vacancy Announcement- Diocese of Rapid City Editor of West River Catholic Newspaper. Bachelor degree in journalism or mass communications preferred. Strong background in computer applications used in newspaper production. Working knowledge of Catholic theology and an appreciation of the mission of the Catholic Church. Prior experience in newspaper and photography work preferred. Competitive salary and benefits available. To apply, send resume listing three professional references to: Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 606 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City SD 57701. Closing date for applications is April 15, 2004.

Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday March 20th at Blessed Sacrament in Rapid City and Saturday, April 17, in Hot Springs, SD. For information/registration, call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541. Pre-registration is required.

For The Ride Home
Third Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2004

Scripture

- "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" (Exodus 17:3)
- And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Romans 5:5)
- Only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Romans 5:7)
- "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him
  a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4)

Reflection

- Where is your Egypt? What is your thirst that cannot be quenched?
- Will your hope for salvation in a physical thing or place be disappointed? Is it possible for hope in God to be denied? What is your deepest hope in God?
- Compare dying of thirst in the desert with the image of miraculous water welling up within you or with the water that quenches all thirsts.
- Now consider dying for the other instead of dying for thirst and the one who dies for you.

Only very late do we learn the price of the risk of believing, because only very late do we face up to the idea of death. This is what is difficult: believing truly means dying. Dying to everything: to our reasoning, to our plans, to our past, to our childhood dreams, to our attachment to earth, and sometimes even to sunlight, as at the moment of our physical death. (Carlo Carreto, The God Who Comes.)

And even if I can achieve inner peace for a moment, I still have a deep sense of my inadequacy and wretchedness and I have to admit my incapacity to make my love greater. My awareness of not being able to make an act of perfect love keeps returning to my mind. … There are moments when God makes us feel the extreme limits of our powerlessness; then, and only then, do we understand our nothingness right down to its depths. (Carlos Carretto, Letters From the Dessert)